GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:368
ANSWERED ON:27.04.2007
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR SETTING UP DESALINATION PLANTS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal seeking financial assistance for setting up desalination plants to provide drinking water to the people living in coastal areas of the country, particularly from Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a)to(c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.368 FOR 27.4.2007 REGARDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR SETTING UP DESALINATION PLANTS.

(a)to(c): Yes, Sir. However, Water Supply is a State subject. It is the responsibility of the State Government and Urban Local Body to plan, design, implement, operate and maintain water supply systems. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted a proposal for setting up 2.86 MLD Desalination Plant at Bheemunipatnam at an estimated cost of Rs.1700 lakh for consideration under the scheme of Urban Infrastructure Development of Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT). The project has been technically scrutinized and approved for Rs.1064 lakh by Central Public Health Environmental & Engineering Organisation (CPHEEO), technical wing of the Ministry. For implementation of the project, Ministry of Finance has released first installment amounting to Rs.185.37 lakh as Additional Central Assistance (ACA) to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh during 2006-07.